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NINE GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Crowded House Listens to Orations
And Address of State Superintendent J. A. Churchill.

Nine young graduates of Heppner high school received their diplomas from the hand of County Superintendent of Schools, S. E. Notson, at the high school auditorium last Friday evening at the conclusion of the Commencement exercises.

The program of the evening was opened with a piano solo by Miss Virginia Crawford which was followed by invocation offered by Rev. T. S. Handsaker. The high school chorus sang, "Tis Our Festal Day" in a very pleasing manner and then Miss Helen Aiken, class salutatorian, gave the first oration of the evening on "Industrial Evolution." In the course of her address, Miss Aiken paid a high tribute to the present faculty, the board of education and of the very school itself. "The Open Door" was the oration delivered by Spencer Crawford, a current subject delivered in able manner, which showed clearly the golden opportunity of the United States to grasp the bulk of the world's commerce. Harley Adkins, valedictorian, delivered a masterly oration on "Has Christianity Failed?" Mr. Adkins clearly defined the situation of the present combatants of the European war and declared that their attitude one toward the other is anything but Christ-like.

The address to the class by Hon. J. A. Churchill, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be long remembered. Mr. Churchill is a very practical school man and his address naturally followed lines of school work and it was full of splendid thought and instruction, the audience being thoroughly enlightened as to some of the new legislation passed at the last session of the legislature concerning the public schools of Oregon. He also spoke at some length of other proposed legislation, and dwelt especially upon the County Unit Plan that failed of passage at Salem last winter. This measure will be brought forward again, and Mr. Churchill is hopeful that it will be enacted into law. From his explanation of this plan we believe that the school system of the state will be greatly benefitted and more efficient teachers and school officers selected thereby.

The remarks of the State Superintendent directed especially to the class of graduates should be remembered by them throughout their lives. Having had so much experience in the school room, Prof. Churchill is very competent to advise in matters of education, as well as the practical affairs of life. Some of the graduates from our High School will doubtless continue their educational pursuits, and in this they were encouraged by the speaker who praised very highly the higher institutions of learning of this state, and the graduates were advised that if it were possible they should take advantage of the opportunities offered. Others of the class may be called upon to enter the active duties of life, and to be thoroughly prepared for the best service, they were all urged to join some church and to cultivate the religious and moral sides of their nature in order to become the most efficient citizens of the community.

State Superintendent Standardizes Heppner High School.

In accordance with the law passed by the last legislature providing for the standardization of the high schools of the state, State Superintendent Churchill inspected and standardized our high school last week as a four-year high school offering four full courses of instruction as follows: English, modern

Graduates 1915 Class, Heppner High School



HARLEY M. ADKINS.
ANNA BELLE HOWARD.
GRACE VAN VACTOR



HELEN MARJORIE AIKEN
LERA GEORGIAN GITHENS
MELBA HELEN GRIFFITHS



EDITH ADELLA THORLEY
INA VIOLA JOHNSON
J. SPENCER CRAWFORD

language, mathematics and science (By the term course is meant one year's instruction in a subject.) He found the high school deficient in a few equipments. The laboratories of the physical geography and biology departments need more apparatus and the library needs more books of reference. To supply these will be comparatively inexpensive and it is to be hoped that the board will order these things purchased at once. If they do, this will place our high school on an equality with any high school in the state and entitled under the new law to collect tuition from the county fund for foreign students. Heretofore the board has not charged tuition of its foreign pupils and the district has paid for the instruction of these pupils. The new law provides that the county shall pay this tuition. This of course is only just. It will help us to maintain a better school and everyone will be commonly benefitted.

Incidentally, Mr. Churchill said some very pleasing things about the Heppner public schools. He said the building is one of the most conveniently arranged and beautiful in the state; that the commencement exercises were as good as any that he had attended this year; and that the character of the work done in the schools was as good as any in the

state and very few towns the size of Heppner maintain as complete and extensive a high school system.

Signed, H. H. HOFFMAN,
Superintendent.

Has Prospects For Fine Crop.

One of the best looking fields of grain that has been reported to this office is that of 600 acre of bluestem wheat belonging to Ed Adkins, on the Markham place, southwest of Heppner. Frank Gilliam made a trip out through the Eight Mile section recently and he says that he did not see any grain that excelled that of Mr. Adkins'. In describing this particular field of grain, Mr. Gilliam likened the leaves unto those of corn, they were so exceptionally large. According to Mr. Gilliam nothing short of a hail storm can prevent this grain from making a bumper yield. Mr. Adkins has in 1700 acres altogether, having under cultivation a large part of the McKimley ranch, as well as a large body of land in the Cason canyon section. The grain yield on these two latter places will be only average, but many who have seen the grain on the Cason canyon ranch, say it will make the best crop ever produced thereon.

Frye Recovers Stolen Car.

L. E. Frye, proprietor of the Arlington Garage, passed through Heppner Monday on his way home, from Pendleton, where he had gone to recover his new Studebaker "six" which had been stolen out of the Studebaker station at Condon last Saturday night.

It was not until Sunday morning that Mr. Frye discovered that his machine was gone, and the officers of the surrounding counties were immediately notified. Sheriff McDuffee of this city was given a description of the car and he kept a sharp lookout for its appearance here. However, the auto thieves gave Heppner the go-by, but they were finally apprehended at Pendleton by Sheriff T. D. Taylor. The name plate had been torn off of the car in order to mislead the officers, but otherwise the machine was in good condition when recovered. At least three parties are implicated in the thievery, and the one who was driving the car at the time he was taken by Sheriff Taylor, was returned to the sheriff of Gilliam county.

Heppner Wool Sale Date Is Changed

The Heppner Wool Sales will not be held on next Tuesday as was first advertised, but the date has been changed for a week later, Tuesday, June 15. This change is made necessary through the late shearing season. Many of the leading flockmasters have not yet completed their shearing, and consequently could not have their clips in the warehouse by the time of the sale as originally set. It is thought that in another week, many of them will have finished.

There is a great deal of speculation at present as to just what prices the wool men will be offered. A week ago at Echo the sales were such a dismal failure that not one clip was sold publicly, although several sales were made privately later. The buyers offered less than market prices and the growers refused to sell. Whether these same conditions will prevail at the Heppner sales on a week from Tuesday remains to be seen.

Lexington Will Celebrate Nation's Birthday.

Lexington is making preparations for celebrating the Nation's birthday and will observe Saturday, the 3rd day of July. Plans are already under way to provide for free entertainment during that day and the people of the surrounding country are invited to come and help in the celebration. Lexington has not held a celebration for several years, but from now on will let the eagle scream every three years, giving the neighboring towns an opportunity in between, as was the custom a few years ago.

Black-Stanley.

The marriage of Wm. Merle Black and Miss Mabel Stanley took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bortzer, Wednesday evening, May 26th at 8 o'clock, Rev. J. L. Jones officiating.

A dainty wedding supper was served. Those present were the bride's sister, Mrs. H. F. Tash and family and a few friends.

The bride looked lovely in a creation of shadow lace over blue silk, and carried a beautiful bouquet of roses. Miss Dorris Wilt acted as bridesmaid and Ray Blake as best man.

The young people will make their home in Marshfield, Oregon.

Will Spend the Summer in Heppner.

Wm. Livingston and wife and son arrived in this city from Pendleton last Saturday evening. They will remain in Heppner for the summer. Mr. Livingston departed Sunday morning for a short visit with his mother at Forest Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Livingston have made their home in Pendleton the past year, Mr. Livingston being a member of the Pendleton high school faculty. He was re-elected to that position for next year. Mrs. Livingston was formerly Miss Ruth Forbes Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Brown, and is a graduate of Heppner high school.

Former Pastor Injured.

Supt. Notson is in receipt of a letter from Rev. Perry Chandler in which he states that he has been laid up at his home in Newton Center, Mass., for the past three months, suffering from a broken hip. Mr. Chandler will be remembered by many here, having served the Methodist church as pastor for a year. He also invested in some Morrow county real estate and owns a valuable piece of land in the Black Horse section. He is just able to be getting around now and his improvement has been very slow.

Louis Groschen has finished shearing and his wool is being hauled to the local warehouse this week.

ONE WILL ENTERTAIN ON TUESDAY

Second Annual Morrow County Farmers' Union Picnic Will be Held In the Egg City.

Ione, the Egg City of the Northwest, will act as host and hostess to the people of Morrow county next Tuesday when the Second Annual Morrow County Farmers' Union Picnic will be held in that city. The day will be divided into two parts, the morning being devoted to a program of music and addresses by prominent speakers, and the afternoon to various kinds of amusements. The main feature of the morning attractions will be an address by O. F. Dornblaser, of Texas, a member of the National Executive Board of the Farmers' Union. Mr. Dornblaser is said to be an able speaker, and he has traveled widely in appearing before just such audiences as will greet him next Tuesday in Ione. Another speaker of prominence will be Dr. Hector McPherson of the Oregon Agricultural College. Dr. McPherson will no doubt have something of great interest for the farmers since he makes their problems his daily study. The morning program will commence promptly at 10 o'clock.

At noon a basket dinner will be partaken of. Everybody is asked to bring a well filled basket and enjoy the noon-day meal.

The afternoon will be given over entirely to amusements and a program of races has been arranged, in which little and big, old and young will participate.

Attend what promises to be the biggest picnic ever held in the county.

Paul Hisler Buys Sheep.

Paul Hisler this week bought the McCollough Bros. band of sheep, consisting of 1200 ewes and 1100 lambs. The price paid was \$4.00 per head for the ewes and \$2.75 for the lambs. Mr. Hisler has been out of the sheep business the past two years, and during that time he has rented his sheep ranch to John Doherty. The time set for delivery is the 20th of June.

Enters Business With His Father.

E. E. Vickers, the painter and paperhanger, announces this week that his son, Arthur Vickers, who is also an experienced painter, has taken an interest with him in his wall paper store. Young Vickers has worked in the leading shops of this country and British Columbia. He arrived in Heppner on Monday evening.

Painting I. O. O. F. Building.

Louis Summerfield is busy this week painting the window trimmings on the I. O. O. F. building. All the window casings on the front of the building are receiving a fine coat of white paint, which adds greatly to the attractiveness of the building.

Wiglesworth Sells Wool.

R. F. Wiglesworth, the Butter creek sheepman, last week sold 35,000 pounds of his coarse wool clip to Charles Carter, of the Portland Woolen Mills for 26 cents per pound. This is one of the first sales to be recorded here this year.

Installs Vegetable Sprayer.

The Phelps Grocery Company last week installed a new vegetable sprayer in their store, which will add greatly in keeping the vegetables in a fresh condition. The sprayer is a recent invention of a Nebraska man, and Mr. Phelps received one of the first placed on the market.

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